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**Examiner:** Dong Jiang

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group III (claims 32-38), with traverse.

As set forth in MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent and distinct inventions.

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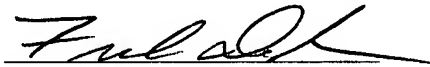
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While the inventions of Groups I, II and III may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that simultaneous examination will not present a serious burden. Indeed, Examiner has acknowledged the inventions of Groups I, II and III are all commonly classified in class 435, and even subclass 23 (for groups I and II).

As such, it is respectfully submitted that there would be no burden on Examiner to simultaneously search and examination claims of Groups I, II and III. Under such circumstances, it is respectfully requested that Examiner maintain all claims in the same application.

Respectfully submitted,



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